

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct typographical errors which have been noted in the above-referenced application. More specifically, Page 10, paragraphs [0053] through [0055] of the specification have been amended to provide conventional spacing for the formula provided therein. Claims 11 and 22 have been amended to complete a partial formula recited therein. Support for the Amendment to Claims 11 and 22 can be found in the application as filed, for example on Page 10, paragraph [0049] at line 8.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

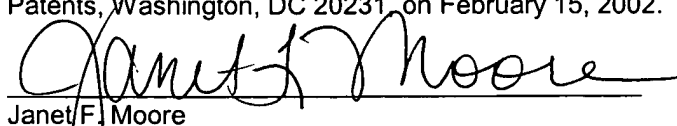


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**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made:**

**In The Specification:**

[0053] [NaOH]

[0054]  $C\% = \frac{\text{NaOH}}{\text{NaOH} + \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3} * 100$

[0055]  $\text{NaOH} + \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$

**In The Claims:**

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein green liquor density is controlled on the basis of a total titratable alkali by applying the following equation:

$$D = \frac{\text{TTA} + \text{os}}{\text{kk}},$$

where D is the green liquor density;

TTA is the total titratable alkali of the green liquor;

os is an offset; and

kk is a coefficient,

the offset being determined on the basis of the model.

22. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the apparatus comprises means for controlling green liquor density on the basis of the total titratable alkali by applying the following equation:

$$D = \frac{\text{TTA} + \text{os}}{\text{kk}},$$

where D is the green liquor density;

TTA is the total titratable alkali of the green liquor;

os is an offset; and

kk is a coefficient,

the offset being arranged to be determined on the basis of a model.